

## MARVELLOUS MISSOULA.

Montana's Garden City, Its New Railroad Enterprises and its Matchless Resources.

A Smelter Project Being Urged and Good Reasons Why it Would Pay.

An Interesting Description of a Live Town and What Its Enterprising Citizens Are Doing.

"The outlook for a season of unsurpassed prosperity in Missoula, the western metropolis and garden city of Montana, is very flattering," remarked Frank McConnell yesterday. Mr. McConnell has just returned from there, where his firm, known as McConnell, Cook & Co., all of this city, have invested \$200,000 in property located on the south and west sides of the city proper and all within a half mile of the Florence hotel, one of the best equipped hosteries in Montana. "There are abundant good reasons," continued Mr. McConnell, "why this young city will become among the most important in the new state. In the first place three new railroads will penetrate it during the coming year, and a branch line will be built from there, where his firm knows, as McConnell, Cook & Co., all of this city, have invested \$200,000 in property located on the south and west sides of the city proper and all within a half mile of the Florence hotel, one of the best equipped hosteries in Montana. "There are abundant good reasons,"

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## BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE.

*Chat With the Local Dealers on the Situation—Buildings Erected.*

It has generally been understood that with the dawn of statehood a perceptible enhancement in real estate values would result. That is just what has happened, and property owners will find out that when the assessor makes his next visit among them property will be marked up several per cent.

The compact of a state government is a blessing, as it leaves us a sovereign people and responsible for our own actions. It also requires a largely increased amount of money to properly conduct a state government, as will be realized in the near future. It is probable that the tax levy will increase for a few years, but it cannot be permanent. Montana is going to expand and the increase in value of her wealth will be marked, and as the population grows and business expands the total valuation of property will so increase as to make the taxpayers burden lighter.

Owners of Helena realty are holding on with a firm grasp, yet the persuasive powers of eastern capital are compelling some to loosen their grip. As a result trading is not very brisk and the transactions that are being made generally require figures to denote them. Don't seek \$36,000 in Main street property and the deals are now in escrow for a \$30,000 transaction in ranch property near the city, the deal being made through Porter, Muth & Cox. The increase in value of inside property has been such that there is a general demand for outside reality. Messrs. Matheson & Steele are very well satisfied with the state of affairs and they notice a marked improvement in the real estate market during the past ten days. Cold weather seems to have a stimulating effect on real estate investors, the greatest activity of the present year having been manifested from January to April. Now intending purchasers are on the qui vive for bargains, and purchasers are constantly met with the query, "What shape have you for sale?" Notwithstanding the large number of dwellings erected during the year, there continues to be an active demand for the coming year will witness building operations far exceeding those of 1888.

E. S. French & Co. report the demand for real estate increasing, outside property being most sought after. They are selling many moderate priced lots in the Flower Garden, Richmond Hill and Northern Pacific additions. Inquiries are numerous for good houses, though not in great excess.

Their sales for the week include a site for the Scandinavian church near the east side school house; lots in the Hoback & Cannon additions; also two Montana avenue corners and two lots in the Beattie addition. Investors are evidently preparing for the spring rise.

The building improvements of the present year have been many and substantial and a list of some of them which were obtained while marking the rounds yesterday are here given, with the names of the contractors who built them and for whom erected:

BY MATHESON & STEELE.

4 cottages in block 47, Northern Pacific addition.....	\$4,000
4 cottages in block 21, Northern Pacific addition.....	4,200
4 dwellings on Hillsdale avenue.....	4,800
4 dwellings on Hoback.....	4,400
1 dwelling, Alta street.....	2,000
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3 cottages, Breckenridge.....	3,800
2 dwellings, Eighth avenue.....	2,000
2 dwellings, Madison avenue.....	3,000
2 cottages, Twelfth avenue, Beattie addition.....	2,000
1 dwelling, Hoback street.....	2,200
2 dwellings, Hoback street.....	3,500
Total.....	\$37,400

BY G. S. APPLETON.

G. S. Appleton, two-story frame, Hillsdale street, Brooks addition.....	\$4,500
G. S. Appleton, two-story brick and frame, Granite avenue, Beattie addition.....	4,000
W. L. Loveland, two-story frame, Harrison avenue, Danzer addition.....	5,500
L. R. Fortune, 3-story and frame, Hemlock street, Madison addition.....	6,000
Mrs. Anne Bennett Allen, two-story frame, Main street, Flower Garden addition.....	4,000
E. S. Clark, one and one-half story brick and frame, Chouteau street, Syndicate addition.....	3,800
G. S. Appleton, two-story brick and frame, Robie street, Beattie addition.....	5,000
Mrs. Anne Bennett Allen, two-story frame, Wall street, Flower Garden addition.....	4,000
G. S. Appleton, two-story brick and frame, Euclid avenue, Syndicate addition.....	5,500
H. C. Burgess, two-story frame, Clinton street, Brooks addition.....	3,200
Total.....	\$45,500

BY J. F. MATHIAS.

Mrs. M. Amacher, two-story brick house with basement, on Benton avenue.....	\$6,000
P. Bosch, business block, three stories, and basement, Rodney street.....	9,000
D. Handley & Co., warehouse and refrigerator, Montana Avenue.....	6,000
E. W. Womblett, two-story frame building, Fifth avenue.....	2,000
I. L. Israel, warehouse and tenement, building, stone and brick.....	4,000
H. Taylor, two-story hotel, frame, East Helena.....	14,000
H. Tietjen, business block, Helena Avenue, frame, two stories.....	6,500
M. Reimig, provision store and tenement, two-story brick.....	7,000
J. S. Stoner, business house and tenement, frame, Helena Avenue.....	3,000
C. H. Wood, three-story business block and tenement with basement, on Broadway, stone and brick.....	20,000
H. Wiese, frame dwelling near Northern Pacific addition.....	2,000
Turner hall, stone building, on Helena Avenue.....	10,000
Refrigerator for DeWitt & Arnold, Montana Avenue.....	9,500
H. Hewins, stone foundation put in for three-story building, corner of Clore and Clark street, costing.....	18,000
Total.....	\$82,000

Brunell & Co. have just opened 100 door ladies' jersey ribbed underwear, which will be sold for \$2.

For reliable goods at reliable prices go to Fowles' Cash Store.

Lamps complete only \$5. At the Bee Hive.

The stock of dress goods and ladies' wear that Mrs. Lissner has just received in the Thompson block is going to be offered to the public this week at prices that will surprise the ladies.

The Growth of the Dry Goods Trade. The wonderful growth of the dry goods trade in this city has more than kept pace with the rapid growth of the city itself. The New York dry goods store is an example of extreme enterprise. Located somewhat up town, yet the location is evidently the best in Helena for the dry goods trade. Two large and convenient salerooms directly on a corner, broad and spacious for the convenience of the trade, gives a decided advantage. Fine goods are displayed every day, and are distinguished by quality and individuality about their line that raises it far above the commonplace. It is novel and exceptionally interesting. They are a much quoted house, which proves them to occupy the foremost place in Helena dry goods houses. They do the cloak business of Helena almost to the exclusion of the other houses in the city, with the exception of the stock exchange, which is situated on the opposite side of the street, attended only by two small newsmen, just said. The visitor could not help but remark the beauty and finish of these more than lovely garments. The inquiry was made, what prices did the ladies pay? The salesman showed his check, on which was entered \$300.

Toys of all kinds now on show at The Bee Hive.

The finest line of plush and leather photograph and autograph albums just opened at the Bee Hive.

In Another Column. See Louise bill of fare for to-day.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed for record with County Clerk and Recorder October 1st:

John W. Held and wife to Peter Wilson, one-third interest in Home Blue quartz lot 10, block 107, lots 5 and 6, block 15, lots 10 and 11, block 105, Syndicate addition.....

Charles S. Jackson to Thomas Flynn, lots 9 and 10, block 105, lots 5 and 6, block 15, lots 10 and 11, block 105, Syndicate addition.....

Thomas G. Power et al. to Arthur P. Hartman, lots 11, 15, 16 and 17, block 38, Hemlock street.....

Amelia A. Wilcox to Timothy Wilcox, Hotel Yachet, Yachet claim.....

John W. Eddy to Timothy Wilcox, Bull Run mining claim.....

Joseph W. Campbell to Timothy Wilcox, also interest in Bull Run, Hotel Yachet and Sose claims.....

Henry M. Parham and wife to Hermann Luehman, lots 11 and 12, block 13, Flower Garden addition.....

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